(c) Expenditure on electricfication of Sarsawa-Khanalampura section is estimated to be Rs. 11.66 crores approximately.

[English]

Development of Railway in Kerala

2912. SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the projects to be completed in Kerala during 1997-98;

(b) the projects to be taken of in this year;

(c) the total amount allocated for various projects in Kerala during 1997-98; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Doubling of 4 block sections between Mangalore and Calicut will be completed during 97-98 in Kerala.

(b) No new projects have been taken up in Kerala in 1996-97. However the following new projects have been included in 1997-98 budget :

1. Angamali-Sabarimala new line.
2. Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur and Tenkasi-Virudhunagar gauge conversion.

(c) 61.14 crores.

(d) A Statement is attached.

Statement

	Project	Outlay for 1997-98 (Rs. in crores)
1.	Angamali-Sabarimala new line	0.01
2.	Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur and Tenkasi-Virudhunagar gauge conversion	0.01
3.	Calicut-Mangalore doubling	17.78*
4.	Kuttipuram-Calicut doubling	1.00
5.	Kuttipuram-Guruvayoor doubling	0.01
6.	Quilon-Trivandrum doubling	12.33**
7.	Railway Electrification-Erode-Palghat-Ernakulam including Cochi, Horbour terminus.	30.00
	Total	61.14

* Being increased to Rs. 50 crores by reappropriation.
** Being increased to Rs.15 crores by reappropriation.

Vacancies Galore at IA's West Zone Office

2913. SHRI ANANT GUDHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news report in the '*Observers*' dated February 4, 1997 under the caption "Vacancies galore at IA's West Zone Office";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government to the observations made therein and facts of the matter;

(c) details of action taken/proposed to ensure filling up the vacancies; and

(d) how soon the vacancies will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) A ban on outside recruitment has been imposed in Indian Airlines since 23rd July, 1992 pending, review of the staff requirement keeping in view the workload and productivity linked incentive agreements singned with various Unions/ Associations. However, this situation is constantly reviewed and recruitment is permitted to fill critical posts as well as those reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes.

[Translation]

Live telecast of Birth Centenary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

2914. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :
DR. RAMESH CHAND KUMAR :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :
SHRI ANANT GUDHE :
PROF. OMPAL SHINGH "NIDAR" :
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the birth centenary function of Subhash Chandra Bose was telecast live on Doordarshan from Red Fort;

(b) if so, whether there was interruption during the speech of a former Prime Minister during the telecast;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken against guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.